

Judge Wilson house  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Washtenaw Co.

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JUDGE WILSON HOUSE  
East Ann and North Division Streets  
Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County  
Michigan

Owner: Mr. George Wahr.

Date of Erection: 1840.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and cellar.

Materials of Construction: Brick and stucco.

Other Existing Records: See text. <sup>1</sup>

Additional Data: See following pages.

<sup>1</sup> See illustration in Kimball's Domestic Architecture of the American Colonies and of the Early Republic, 181.

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Built by Judge R. S. Wilson in 1840 - (according to Mr. Wahr, the present owner.) It was sold to John H. Wells in 1850, who, it is surmised, built the addition comprising kitchen and service quarters, and made extensive alterations. The house was sold to Mr. George Wahr in 1893. It is now his home.

A cyclone removed the roof in 1919. In reconstruction, the heavy oak roof framing was disregarded, and the roof built up in the usual way.

In the basement under the dining room, was located the old kitchen - the hearth and Dutch oven being still intact. A stair led from the old kitchen at the rear of the present library, which was evidently the original serving room, and the main hall extended back to that point.

The original house had no basement forward, but later when this portion was excavated, the walls were not underpinned, but the earth was removed to within three feet of outside walls, and retaining walls built from floor level to grade.

This house is the best preserved of this period, in the vicinity.

Herbert G. Wenzell

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